

7848.1000 OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR TRANSMISSION PLANNING MEETINGS.

Subpart 1. **Notice to interested persons.** Utilities shall conduct outreach efforts to inform local government officials, tribal government officials, and members of the public about the transmission planning meetings required in this part. At a minimum, utilities shall take the following actions:

A. mail to each county government within the transmission planning zone written materials briefly summarizing the transmission planning process; inviting local government input; giving the date, time, and place of the transmission planning meeting; and inviting the county to designate someone to serve as a liaison between the county and the utility on transmission issues;

B. mail to each tribal government within the transmission planning zone written materials briefly summarizing the transmission planning process; inviting tribal government input; giving the date, time, and place of the transmission planning meeting; and inviting the tribal government to designate someone to serve as a liaison between the tribal government and the utility on transmission issues;

C. mail to the League of Minnesota Cities written materials briefly summarizing the transmission planning process; inviting input from the league and municipalities within the transmission planning zone; giving the date, time, and place of the transmission planning meeting; and inviting the league to designate someone to serve as a liaison between the league and the utility on transmission issues;

D. mail to the Association of Minnesota Counties written materials briefly summarizing the transmission planning process; inviting input from the association; giving the date, time, and place of the transmission planning meeting; and inviting the association to designate someone to serve as a liaison between the association and the utility on transmission issues;

E. mail to the Minnesota Association of Townships written materials briefly summarizing the transmission planning process; inviting input from the association; giving the date, time, and place of the transmission planning meeting; and inviting the association to designate someone to serve as a liaison between the association and the utility on transmission issues;

F. mail to the board, the department, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the United States Park Service written materials briefly summarizing the transmission planning process; inviting input from these agencies; giving the date, time, and place of the transmission planning meeting; and inviting each of these agencies to designate a person to serve as its liaison between the agency and the utility on transmission issues;

G. publish display advertisements in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county seat of each county within the transmission planning zone briefly summarizing the transmission planning process; inviting public input; and giving the date, time, and place of the transmission planning meeting;

H. mail to all persons who have asked to be on the utility's transmission planning mailing list and to all persons on the official service list for the previous biennial transmission projects report a notice of the date, time, and place of the transmission planning meeting; and

I. post on the utility's website information about transmission planning meetings briefly summarizing the transmission planning process; identifying utility representatives who can provide further information; inviting public input; providing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses for public input; and giving the date, time, and place of upcoming transmission planning meetings.

Subp. 2. **Timing of mailings.** The written materials required under subpart 1, items A through F, must be mailed no later than 15 days before the transmission planning meeting to which they relate. The written materials required under subpart 1, item H, must be mailed no sooner than 30 days or later than ten days before the transmission planning meeting to which they relate. The newspaper advertisements required under subpart 1, item G, must appear no sooner than 30 days and no later than ten days before the transmission planning meeting to which they relate.

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